Statement

Category-wise break-up of the cases pending before the Company Law Board as on 1-8-1996.

	No. of cases
I. *Single Member Benches Cases relating to Companies Act under:*	
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Frauds in Banks

2314. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 271 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1996 and state:

(a) the number of cases of frauds in Andhra Bank Ltd., Punjab National Bank and Allahabad Bank in the last three years—branch-wise and bank-wise;

(b) the amount involved in those frauds and the modus operandi adopted therein;

(c) the dates on which the frauds took place and the dates on which they came to light;

(d) whether the cases were reported to the police, if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the officers checked the genuineness of the signatures on the requisition slips/cheques before issuing cheque books/ passing/clearing the cheques;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the action taken against the concerned officers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Evasion of Excise Duty in connivance with Local Excise Officials

2315. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that inspite of simplification of excise rules, many traders are evading the same by adopting unfair trade practices in connivance with the local excise officials;

(b) whether Government are also aware that M/s Agra Leatherites and M/s Luggage Home, Mody No. 3, Sitabuldi, Nagpur (Maharashtra) are bulk manufacturers of covers of suitcases, and their turnover is above the exemption limit of Rs. 30 lacs under Central Excise Law, but even then, are not taken under the purview of excise net;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Duties of excise are levied and collected from manufacturers only, on all excisable goods manufactured by them, and not on the trading activities.

(b) to (d) Detailed enquiries conducted in respect of M/s Agra Leatherites and M/s Luggage Home, Mody No. 3, Sitabuldi, Nagpur, have revealed that in addition to trading activity, both the companies are engaged in the stitching of covers of suitcases. While this